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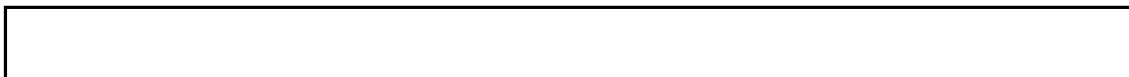
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*Dominican Republic: Relative calm has marked the first two days of the new three-man provisional government's tenure, although US officials in Santo Domingo note that an air of uneasiness prevails there.

Despite several hundred arrests in the capital, the US Embassy reports that many extreme leftist leaders, first believed to have been jailed or to have taken political asylum in foreign embassies, appear to have escaped the police dragnet so far.

The complexion of the 14-man cabinet sworn in on 27 September appears predictably conservative, including the leaders of two of the six parties which are supporting the provisional government.

Armed forces leaders plan to put deposed President Bosch on a ship bound for Spain today if the turbulent weather conditions caused by Hurricane Edith subside.

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Oil: (Western oil companies with international interests may be heading into a period of serious difficulties with the principal foreign oil-producing countries.)

(Fruitless talks on the issue of increased oil income for Iran were held recently between representatives of the consortium of Western oil companies operating in Iran and Fuad Rouhani, deputy chairman of the National Iranian Oil Company. Rouhani is also secretary general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and the member states would like to expand his recent contacts into full-fledged bargaining sessions between OPEC and the companies.)

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(The next OPEC council meeting is to be held in Geneva on 7 October. The actions which may be considered at that time reportedly include imposing unilaterally new taxes on oil put through pipelines or delivered to tankers. Tankers might be refused clearance from the ports of member countries until such taxes were paid.)

(It is not clear how far the OPEC member governments actually would be willing to go in concerting such measures. The three-year-old OPEC has suffered considerably from rivalry and suspicion among its membership--which now consists of Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Libya, Indonesia, and Venezuela.)

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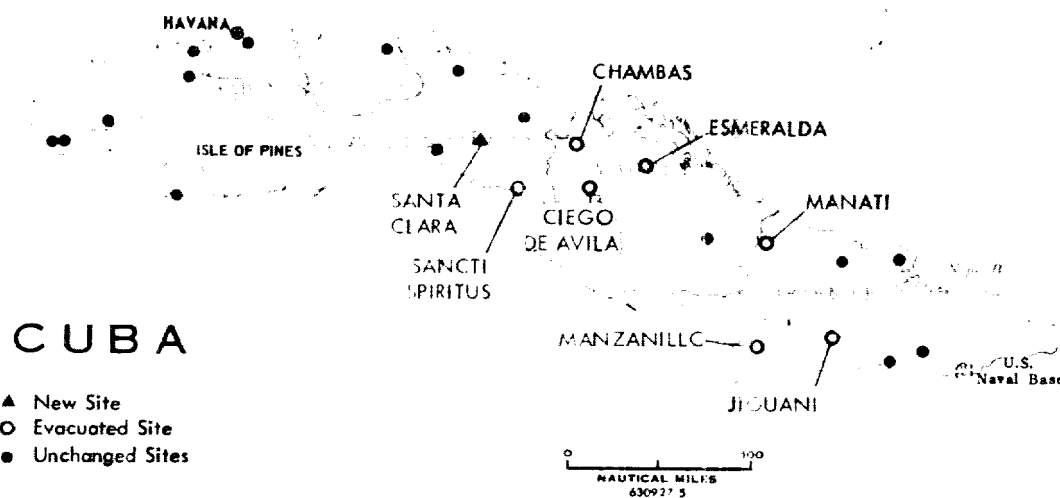
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*Cuba - USSR:

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[redacted] shows that three additional surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites in Cuba--Chambas, Sancti Spiritus, and Ciego de Avila--have been evacuated. A total of seven SAM sites have now been deactivated, including the entire Ciego de Avila SAM regiment of four sites in central Cuba. Only one site has thus far reappeared in another location, but it is likely that others will show up at positions near Cuban military installations. The possibility exists, however, that some SAM equipment may be withdrawn from the island.

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France-Algeria: France is re-evaluating its aid program to Algeria in light of the recent nationalization of French property there and President Ahmed Ben Bella's 23 September statement that a resumption of French nuclear tests in the Sahara could bring the liquidation of "remaining foreign concessions." Under consideration is the possibility of reducing the October installment of France's direct aid program which, for 1963, amounts to \$200 million. According to a high official of the Algerian Affairs Ministry, however, Paris wishes to avoid a crisis as long as France's Saharan oil concessions and use of the nuclear test sites continue to be unaffected.

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